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LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC
RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION



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NEWS LETTER

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at

Cathedral Buildings

Brownlow Hill

Liverpool 3

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W I N T E R I S A - C U M E N O N !

The winter season is upon us with its darker nights and crisper atmosphere. No doubt before it is over we could have our share of snow, ice and frost.

We must all have walked a ramble in winter that had also been done in high summer - was it any the less attractive?

I never minded having to walk the last miles of a winter ramble in darkness, guided by distant lights, sometimes just pinpoint on hillside or in valley.

I never knew winter's cold hand still the conversation - chant and chatter as always charting the long line of route.

I don't suppose we have any regulars who need to be reminded of the afore-going, but if we have any 'fair weather hikers' who dodge winter hikes - in the words of the moment "THINK AGAIN". In the words of an old song "COME AND JOIN US!"

'Editor'

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Club took place on Wednesday, 15th September, and was attended by over 60 members. It was a very quiet affair, with few contentious matters raised, but one rather disconcerting disclosure made was the fact that we had sustained a financial loss of £66 on the year's working. This was mainly due to lack of support for the Tennis Club, which made a loss of £43. The Secretary's Annual Report is given elsewhere in this issue. We give on page three the names of those elected to the General Committee for the ensuing year, and also the composition of the various sub-committees on which they will serve.

THE ANNUAL MASS

This was held on Sunday, 19th September at St. Nicholas', Hawke Street, and was attended by 43 members. After mass, the Deprofundus was recited for deceased members, and the deceased relatives and friends of members. It was learned that Canon Doyle was unwell, and the Clergy were asked to convey to the Canon, the good wishes of the Club Members for a speedy recovery.

The half-day of Recollection which followed in the afternoon was a big disappointment from the point of view of attendance. Only eight members were present at St. Augustine's, to hear Fr. Ripley give a series of very interesting talks.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we once again remind you that these are now due. Agnes Vaughan is our new Registrar, and subscriptions should be paid to her as soon as possible. Just in case you have forgotten, the subscription is now 7/6d. and 8/6d. for married couples.

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Ramblings:

Social:

News Letter

Tennis:

Miss T. Crutchley	:	Miss T. Crutchley	:	Miss P. Cunningham	:	Miss E. Turner
Miss M. Acred	:	Miss P. Cunningham	:	Miss E. Turner	:	Miss P. Cunningham
Miss M. Jackson	:	Miss M. Jackson	:	Miss M. Acred	:	Mr. C. Dobbin
Miss A. Vaughan	:	Miss M. Acred	:	Mr. G. Penlington	:	Mr. F. Norbury
Mr. W. Potter	:	Miss A. Vaughan	:	Mr. F. Norbury	:	Mr. C. Kelly
Mr. R. Boardman	:	Mr. W. Potter	:	Mr. C. Kelly	:	Mr. K. Scott
Mr. B. Manley	:	Mr. R. Boardman	:	Mr. C. Scott	:	Co-opted:-
Mr. C. Scott	:	Mr. J. Keenan	:	Mr. C. Dobbin	:	Miss M. Howard
Mr. J. Keenan	:	Mr. T. O'Connor	:	Co-opted:-	:	Miss A. Donnelly
Mr. T. O'Connor	:	Mr. K. Scott	:	Mr. E. Kavanagh	:	Mr. B. Kelly
Co-opted:-	:	Co-opted:-	:		:	
Mr. W. Clay	:	Miss H. O'Keefe	:		:	
	:	Miss B. Stanhope	:		:	
	:	Mr. M. Marsden	:		:	

Finance:

Club Officers

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Miss P. Cunningham
 Miss E. Turner
 Mr. F. Norbury
 Mr. C. Kelly
 Mr. G. Penlington
 Mr. C. Dobbin
 Mr. B. Manley
 Mr. C. Scott

Chairman: Mr. C. Dobbin
 Vice-Chairman: Mr. B. Manley
 Treasurer: Mr. G. Penlington
 General Secretary: Miss E. Turner
 Asst. Secretary: Miss M. Acred
 Registrar: Miss A. Vaughan

Mr. F. Norbury
 Mr. C. Kelly

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP :

We are pleased to extend hearty congratulations to Mr. Cyril Kelly, Mr. Fred Norbury, and Mr. Gerry Penlington who were all elected to Honourary Membership of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

FRED NORBURY is a Founder Member of the Association, and has held the position of Trustee for 28 years. He served as Chairman in the difficult 1939/45 war years, and played a big part in keeping the Association in touch with members in the forces. His sound judgement has been invaluable over the years.

CYRIL KELLY has been a member for over thirty years, and has taken an active part in club activities over that period. He has had a great deal of experience in assisting in the running of the Association, and served for a continuous period of twelve years as Chairman. He now shares the Trusteeship with Fred Norbury.

GERRY PENLINGTON has also been a member for a number of years, and has served the Association in every capacity except Trustee. He has been Treasurer of the Association for more years than people can remember and has also been Editor of the Newsletter for the last 16 years.

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WINNIE PENLINGTON R.I.P.

As many members will already know, Winnie Penlington died on 12th September. We are sure all will join in extending to Gerry and his family their prayers and deepest sympathy at this sad time. Mass has been offered on behalf of the Club for the repose of her soul.

Winnie was not an active member of the club in recent times but was nearly always present at the A.G.M. and the Annual Mass. She had also taken part in the Yuletide Walk for the last two years. It is not widely known that she was a very ardent worker for the club in days gone by, as is borne out by the following letter which Chris Dobbin received on the night of the A.G.M., and which, we feel, is appropriate to reproduce here.

"Dear Mr. Dobbin,

I am writing to you as Chairman of to-night's Annual General Meeting, to pay a tribute to Mrs. Penlington, of whose death I have just been informed.

At the time I joined the Liverpool Catholic Ramblers' just after the last war, she, as Secretary, and Mr. Fred Norbury were the main supports of the club. They had for the war years worked to keep the Association in existence and were then striving hard to re-build it. Subsequently, as you will know, although domestic duties forced her to withdraw from the Committee she never lost her enthusiasm for the L.C.R.A. Without this Gerry Penlington could not have carried on the good work as he has done for so many years.

I am sure all members of the Catholic Ramblers' will remember to pray for her soul and for the brave little family she has left behind.

As always, my best wishes to all members.

Yours sincerely,

M. Walsh "

Note: Mr. Walsh is a former Chairman and Trustee of the Association.

SOCIALITE

The leaf strewn pavements and that extra 'nip' in the air in recent weeks, heralded the arrival of Autumn, and the start of the Social Season proper. The long dark cold nights of the season have replaced the long cold nights of our lately lamented summer, but before your engagement book starts filling up, let me remind you that the Club Christmas Party is on 22nd December and the Yuletide Walk is on 2nd January, two dates which are a must for every member. There's also the Catholic Tennis Club's dance at the newly opened University Chaplaincy. This promises to be a big night with a band and a beat group in attendance. The date? - 11th December.

Our latest Barbecue was another great success with 43 turning up on the evening. Tony Thompson spent hours on the decor, the accent this time being on Winter Sports, and Eric Kavanagh supplied a very interesting slide-show. The evening was rounded off by a social. It seems that Barbecues are here to stay. In particular it appears to have done Eric's proposed ski-ing holiday a boost. He now has thirteen in the party.

'Socialite'

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FIRST-AID

The committee are enquiring into the possibilities of organising a series of talks on this subject. The intention is to invite all those who are to lead rambles in the coming months to attend these talks and demonstrations in order to acquire some basic knowledge for use on a Ramble in an emergency. Any members will however be welcome to attend these meetings, which it is hoped, will take place in the Committee Room at Brownlow Hill. Details will be announced in due course.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE "WRITE-UPS" GONE?

You may have noticed that in our last Issue, we did not include a single ramble write-up. This was due to the fact that the Editor had not received any for a number of weeks. May we respectfully remind Leaders that one of their principle duties when leading a ramble is to appoint a person on the walk to do a write-up. The leader should also see that this is delivered to the Editor as soon as possible after the walk has taken place.

While on the subject of material for the newsletter, we would like to remind all members that this is their newsletter. These columns are always open to them, and any contributions will be gratefully received by the newsletter committee. "Pen Names" may be used if desired.

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Letter to the Editor.

"At our last A.G.M. the Chairman thanked his committee for amending the constitution which included removing the words "and Holiday Guild" from the title of our Association.

After the attendance at the retreat - there were only eight members present - one wonders whether or not the word Catholic had also been removed from the Associations name. I am sure Fr. Ripley must have thought that is was a different club that could muster between 60 to 70 members for a debate in our own clubroom and only 8 for the half-day retreat.

Many members through various reasons could not attend, but I'm sure a lot more could have done if they had set their minds to it.

I am sure your Chairman would join me in hoping that next year our members will show the title Liverpool CATHOLIC Ramblers' means what it says when the Annual Mass and retreat comes round"

'Observer'

SECRETARIEL REPORT

1. In our 38th year membership reached a total of 165 which was a decrease of 16 on last year (43 new members this year).
2. A ramble or special event was arranged for every Sunday or Bank Holiday throughout the year. The average attendance was 16/17.

Special events were:-

- (a) A Keswick Weekend.
- (b) Yuletide Walk including hot-pot-supper and social - attendance was 107, including 20 members of the Catholic Metropolitan Club.
- (c) Two Chalet weekends were held and another on 3rd October.
- (d) Coach trips to Church Stretton for football games with St. Mary's seminary.
- (e) A Joint Ramble with the Birmingham Catholic Ramblers' - attendance was 78 including 40 of our own members.
- (f) A day out to Chester visiting the historical places of interest, entitled 'Chester Walls.'
- (g) A day trip to Tremtham Gardens was included in the programme but had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

A new club card was issued this year, to be held 12 months at a time, including a 6-months' winter programme. A supplement for sticking into the card was given out later on in the year giving the 6-months' summer programme.

3. There were 49 socials held during the year including a Christmas party, six Barn Dances, five Beat Groups, three Dance Band evenings, two slide shows given by Tony Thompson, featuring colour transparencies and a movie film on the Keswick Weekend, two discussion circles led by Fr. Francis J. Ripley - subjects being "The New Liturgy of the Mass,"

and "Does the Punishment Fit the Crime." A film had been arranged for Ash Wednesday with the White Sisters, but owing to bad weather had to be cancelled. The social that evening was also cancelled.

4. A photography competition was held with £1 prizes for the winner of each section. The sections being "The Most Humorous", "The Most Original" and "The Best Scenery."
5. Two dances were held during the year, one at the Grafton Rooms and one at the State Ballroom.
6. The rosary was recited on the first Wednesday of each month throughout the year, when ever it was possible.
7. A party booking was made once again at the Philharmonic Hall for the Christmas Carol Concert.
8. The 19th post-war tennis season started as usual with working parties attending to the courts and pavilion. Club championship matches have been taking place during the season and so far have not reached a conclusion. One American Tournament was successfully held, and a Barbecue and social. Another Barbecue has been arranged for Saturday, September 25th. Membership has been very disappointing reaching a total of 30. A joint Tennis dance was held at the Grafton in conjunction with other Catholic Tennis Clubs. Attendance was 227. A £20 loss was made, of which we went the loss of £6.
9. The football team played its 17th post war season in the Liverpool Central Amateur League.
10. The News-Letter in its 19th post war year was issued on 8 occasions.
11. Donations were made during the year to various organisations, including our Christmas collections of £15 12s. 8d. which was divided between St. Vincent's Hospice for the Dying and Mentally Handicapped Children.

12. Four Wedding presents were given to members, and one present to a member leaving to train for the priesthood.
13. The Annual mass at St. Nicholas' was attended by about 60, of which 27 attended the 1/2-day of Recollection held at Immaculata House.
14. A larger Committee Room has been rented this year, a double the cost of the previous one.
15. The Finance Committee reviewed the financial situation of the club and recommended to the General Committee that the Annual Subscriptions should be increased to 7/6d. from 5/0d. for single members and to 8/6d. from 6/0d. for married members - joint subscription. This recommendation was carried.
16. An extra ordinary Finance Committee was held to discuss the situation of the Tennis Club. After attempting to gain new members by advertising and amalgamating with the Catholic Metropolitan Tennis section had failed, it was considered whether tennis was a necessary part of the club. A recommendation was put to the General Committee that the tennis club should be subsidised this season and for a further twelve months when the position would be again reviewed.

E. Turner.
General Secretary.

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FOR SALE - BARGAIN

Mini-Minor Super Deluxe - looks like a hot Cooper Red/Black. Just 2-years old. 15,000 miles - Bargain at £350 (might haggle with good rambler).

Owner hopes to go mountaineering in East Africa.

Apply:- Tony Thompson, 165 Outer Forum, L'pool.11.

WANTED: House-trained elephant by above advertiser.

KESWICK WEEK-END

John Keenan tells me that there is now a waiting list for the Keswick weekend. Providing there is enough support, the Rambling Sub-committee has decided that they will book a bigger coach.

A detailed list giving all the gen on departure times, walks etc., will be distributed to all those members going on the week-end.

Bernard will be in charge of the week-end and he asks for your full co-operation to make it a success.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To confirm your booking (thus securing your place) a deposit of 10/- per person is required. John Keenan will be collecting deposits.

ANNUAL YULETIDE RAMBLE, SUPPER AND SOCIAL

Once again it is time to talk about the Yuletide (didn't 1965 go quickly!). The Rambling sub will be taking names soon for what must be surely the highlight of the year, something which so many of us have been looking forward to.

We hope the turnout will be as good as, if not better, than recent years.

We are inviting other Catholic Clubs such as the Metropolitan, St. Clare's and The Irish Centre.

We know that Many of our staunch rambling lads have been looking forward to a White Yuletide so that they can bombard the girls with snowballs.

With regard to the coaches the committee wish it to be known that no special arrangements will be made for a coach to be re-routed on the return journey to Liverpool unless there is demand beforehand. If you live out of the way, you must inform the committee at the time of booking. As usual the coaches expect to be back in Liverpool no later than 11 p.m. A deposit of 3/- per person will be required at the time of booking.

ADVANCE NOTICE - LAKES WEEK-END 1966

A weekend has been booked at the Holiday Fellowship Centre, Coniston, for 18th-20th March, 1966., so make a note in your diaries.

WINTER SPORTS HOLIDAYS.

In the last issue of this News Letter we advertised our proposed ski-ing holiday on the Continent. I am pleased to report that the response was terrific.

Seven members from the club with six of their friends will be off to Italy on January 15th, 1966 for two weeks sunshine on the snow. We have booked early to ensure keeping the party together, so whilst I would be pleased to pass on information re the holiday I regret that interested people will have to book themselves through their own travel agency.

'Eric Kavanagh!

WEDDINGS

We have to report that the following members have qualified for Joint Membership, since our last issue.

Peter Atherton and Marie Corkery
Steve Cummins and Joan Murphy
Eddie Quinn and Winn O'Conner
and Johnny Caldwell was also married in
the same period.

To all, we extend our sincere good wishes for their future happiness. We might also add that this latest rush to the Altar has practically exhausted out stock of Crucifixes.

STOP PRESS

Just received news that Rosemary Bond was married on Monday of this week (25th Oct.) - Congratulations and best wishes also.

"THE FOOTBALL TEAM FULFILLED THEIR FIXTURES"

These very words were uttered by Chris Dobbin at our last A.G.M. and they plus one other strange fact lead to the digging up of the football team's records over the past two seasons. Brian Martin, the football club's secretary spent several hours compiling the results, but I feel most of you would be baffled rather than enlightened if I gave you the full report, so I have extracted the league results and present them thus:-

Season	<u>G A M E S</u>				<u>G O A L S</u>		Pnts.
	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	
1963/64	18	2	4	12	21	60	8
1964/65	15	1	1	13	17	85	3

Now you will realise why Chris Dobbin uttered those fateful words with which I append this account for surely there could not be many teams with a record as bad as this. When I deduce that these lads must love their football, I'm sure you must all agree with me, though they often had to scrape a team together, never have they failed to turn up at their venue.

Now consider this season's record to date. Training started some four weeks before the official opening of the season with some 15 keen players from which the current team is being selected. After only six games their record is:-

Season	<u>G A M E S</u>				<u>G O A L S</u>		Points
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	
1964/65	6	4	1	1	20	9	9

You must surely agree a remarkable improvement over the previous seasons.

A Team must score goals to win so let us take a look at the leading goal scorers over the last three seasons.

Season	Leading Goal Scorers	No. of Goals
1963/64	Frank Lewis	6
1964/65	Peter Marsden	10
	Barry Wolfe	4
	Mike Marsden	3
1965/66	Barry Wolfe	2
	Mike Marsden	2

The team is playing well together and because they are winning they are gaining confidence. "Success leads to success." The team are fighting for league honours this season. Have they YOUR SUPPORT?

'Eric Kavanagh'

P.S. Hanover v Ramblers for S.F. Shellcross Cup.
3 - 1, win for the Ramblers.

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Coming shortly on the Abby Cinema, Wavertree, is "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD". A PARTY WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. Will those interested see Eric Kavanagh.

HOLYWELL - OCTOBER 17th, 1965.

Ron Curtis the leader greeted us at Central Station bright and breezy at 10-00 a.m. after most of us had been strengthened for the day by the hospitality dispensed at the refreshment room of the Ribbles bus station.

After changing trains at Rock Ferry and Chester and boarding a bus at Flint, most of us were worn out by the time we arrived in Holywell, so a small devout minority dashed off to pray for deliverance from the ogre of a leader, at St. Winifred's shrine, whilst the idle majority of the party lounged about sleazy coffee bars, hoping for the best.

After lunch in Holywell the party set out to attempt Pen-y-Ball, which to most of us was a terrible slog, but to the locals is just a steep street!

Just past the monument erected by the local patriotic citizens at the magnificent height of 826 feet Ron decided to give us a well earned butty-break. After the break some of the riff-raff decided to chuck the walk so that they could worship the sun. Actually I think they were all apprentice druids who wanted to practise jumping around ancient monuments offering tender young female rambles to the Gods.

The party continued its ramble for a few more miles taking plenty of rests in order to take full advantage of the most beautiful weather.

All in all it was a smashing day out and our leaders rendition of Burlington Bertie, Mr. Wu etc., were most enjoyable, on the way home. I'm sure the porter at Mossley Hill Station is still wondering what a Rambler was doing chasing the train along the platform doing a soft shoe shuffle.

Thank you Ron for a lovely day out.

'Clairvaux'

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Leader:</u>	<u>Departure Times</u>
14th Nov	Hatchmere (Ben)	Peggy Sharkey	Pier Head 10.30
21st "	Knutsford	Larry Fagan	Canning Place 10.35
28th "	Pendle Hill (a)	Billy Clay	St. John's Lne. 10.15
	X (Coach) (b)	Ken Bird	
5th Dec	Holywell (Ben)	Bill Potter	Woodside 11.15.
12th "	X Bellington	George Clayton	St. John's Lne. 10.15
18/19 "	Chalet	Committee	Details
	by letter to all those members who have booked		
27th "	Wirral Wander	Larry Fagan	Pier Head 12 noon
2nd Jan	Yuletide Annual Ramble, Supper and Social.		
			St. John's Lane 10.45
9th "	X Woodplumpton (Ben)	Terry Crutehley	St. John's Lane. 10.15
16th "	Caerwynle	Brian Kelly	Woodside 11.15
23rd "	X Conway	Bill Potter	St. John's Lane 10.15
30th "	Ashurst Beacon	Agnes Vaughan	Skelhorne St. 10.55
			Ribble Bus Station.

X Coach Trips. Names to be given three weeks before hand
and all bookings render members liable to the full cost.